Japan commits soft loans tied to specific projects. Utilisation of these loans is spread over the duration of the project implementation. In 1990-91 Japan committed loan of Yen 104 Billion tied to 6 projects. However, the aid received (i.e. disbursement actually made) was Yen 62 billion.

(b) Aid received in 1990-91 related to 46 ongoing projects, currently being assisted by Japan for which loans were committed in the earlier Years.

(c) and (d). As stated earlier these loans are project tied and aid utilisation depends upon the implementation of the projects. At any given time, there is unutilised balance in the pipeline which is to be utlised in the subsequent years.

(e) and (f). The Japanese aid for 1991-92 will be pledged at the India Consortium Meeting scheduled to be held on 19th and 20th September, 1991.

Rehabilitation of Ex-Servicemen of Pauri Garhwal and Chamoli Districts

7087. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of permanent residents of Pauri Garhwal and Chamoli Districts retired during the last three years from Army, Air Force and Navy, separately;

(b) the number of these retired persons rehabilitated so far in hill districts of Uttar Pradesh itself;

(c) whether the ex-servicemen belonging to hill districts face lot of problems in re-employment and rehabilitation;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government have any scheme to provide proper employment opportunities to these ex-serviceman so that they can be rehabilitated in their native or nearby places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b). As per the information received from Director General Resettlement, the number of ex-Servicemen, who have got their names registered with the Zila Sainik Boards in Pauri Garhwal and Chamoli Districts and those rehabilitated is as under:-

Districts	*Number of Registrants*			*Number of those who have secured employment*		
	1988	*1989*	*1990*	*1988*	*1989*	*1990*
Pauri Garhwal	431	686	416	22	40	69
Chamoli	288	244	201	13	19	20

(c) to (e). Rehabilitation and employment opportunities in the hill districts are comparatively lower than in the plain areas due to the limited industrial and commercial activities in the hill areas. Self-employment schemes, like SEMFEX-I and SAMFEX-II, are being implemented. In addition, several training schemes to improve the employability of ex-Servicemen and to facilitate in the setting up of self-employment ventures are being operated.

War Widows Rehabilitation Centres in Hill District of Uttar Pradesh

7088. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of war widows rehabili-

tation centres in the hill districts of Uttar Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) whether these rehabilitation centres are functioning properly;

(c) if not, the remedial measures the Government propose to take to improve the functioning of these centres;

(d) whether the Government propose to set up more rehabilitation centres in these districts; and

(e) if so, the location thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c). There are two Training-cum-Production Centres, one at Lansdowne (Pauri Garhwal District) and another at Ranikhet (Almora District) being run by Garhwal Rifles and Kumaon Regimental Centre, respectively, for the ex-Servicemen and their dependants, including widows. They are reported to be functioning satisfactorily.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Default in Repayment of Loans by Public Sector Holding Companies

7089. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be please to state:

(a) whether a number of public sector holding companies have defaulted in repayment of bank loans during the last three years

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating their names and the amount due from each of them, separately; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken to recover the loans from them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). In accordance with the practices and usages customary among bankers and the statutes governing the public sector banks, information relating to bad debts and other details of the constituents is not divulged. The data reporting system given information of sector-wise overdue advances only and it is not available on the basis of ownership of the enterprises. As on March, 1990 , the overdue advances of banks in large and medium industry was Rs. 3731 crores in 10629 accounts.

[*Translation*]

Azamgarh - Jaunpur - Allahabad Highway

7090. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allocate funds from Central Road Fund for widening and repairing of Azamgarh-Jaunpur-Allahabad Highway in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Consortium on Major Foreign Tender Issues

7091. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a consortium on major foreign tender issues; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?